

most precious gift—freedom, but she has been at the forefront as the giver of hope to millions of men, women and children of all races, colors, and creeds.

On this day, 52 years ago, the Brown vs. Board of Education decision served as a bridge to the promise of freedom for people from all races, creeds and colors. In commemoration of that historic decision, we celebrate the legacy of one woman who epitomizes the fight for freedom in this country and the journey for justice—Dr. Dorothy Irene Height.

In 1954, when the Brown vs. Board of Education decision was announced, Dr. Height led the way for the YWCA to produce the booklet, "Our Schools and Our Democracy," to encourage associations to participate fully in helping desegregate the schools. Dr. Height also convened a Southern Regional Conference in Atlanta to discuss the problems and opportunities of desegregation and worked closely with the student leadership of the YWCA to develop simple things that people could do, such as escorting a child to school when it is first integrated.

Fifty-two years later, her commitment to young people is alive and well today. Dr. Height is leading the way in leaving a lasting legacy for the next generation through the Dorothy Irene Height Youth For Excellence Initiative (YFE) Program in association with the Civil Rights musical, "If This Hat Could Talk: A Musical of Passion, Power, and Triumph." Dr. Height has utilized the musical as a strategy for "keeping the Civil Rights legacy alive" and empowering young people to make a difference in their local and global communities.

Because of her unwavering commitment to our youth, the YFE has become a cornerstone of the Musical's program. The YFE provides multicultural students, grades 7–12 with a free performance and materials for their teachers to continue teaching lessons of equality, fairness and respect for diversity in the classroom. The Musical experience allows them to learn about their Civil Rights legacy and continue that legacy through education. They view Dr. Height's journey throughout history and that of others like Rosa Parks, Fannie Lou Hamer, A. Phillip Randolph, John Lewis, Linda Brown and Mary McLeod Bethune, just to name a few. Today, because of her vision, her story, her on-going, never-ending commitment to kids, the Musical has been seen by over 10,000 youth. Dr. Height has set a new standard of excellence in her diligent, unwavering efforts to instill a commitment to Civil and Human rights in the next generation of leaders.

It is today that we, the members of the Congressional Black Caucus, celebrate and honor Dr. Dorothy Irene Height. We truly have an affinity for her. For 37 years, Dr. Height's trailblazing efforts have enabled us, as a Congressional Black Caucus, to empower the masses and effectively represent the interest of urban and rural America in this country and address the legislative concerns of citizens of all backgrounds. She has enabled us to be a viable, fair, fearless, and strong governmental force. Dr. Height showed us how one woman of courage, with one voice, could set in motion a mission that changed the world. As we continue as a Congressional Black Caucus, operating in one single voice, while reflecting our own diversity, we have gained strength, insight and instruction from her life. Through her ef-

forts, she has taught us how to turn tumultuous times into turning points, pain into personal victory and adversity into achievement. For this, we are forever grateful.

HONORING JOEL M. CARP

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Joel M. Carp of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago for his outstanding contributions to the Federation, as well as to the community at large. After 28 years of outstanding service, I have this great opportunity to congratulate Joel in his retirement.

Throughout his professional career in social work, social planning, and advocacy, Joel has engaged in efforts to create sound public policies and sustain quality, comprehensive health and human services for all people throughout Chicago, the state of Illinois, and the United States. He has served as chairman of and/or represented the Chicago Jewish community on a number of governmental task forces charged with determining public policy including: the City of Chicago Mayor's Task Force on Hunger, the Task Force on Homelessness, and the Task Force on Neighborhood Land Use. Additionally, Chicago Mayor Daley and Cook County Board President Stroger appointed him to their Task Force on Welfare Reform. At the state level, he has served on: the Governor's Task Force on Services for the Homeless; the Department of Children and Family Services Child Welfare Advisory Committee; and on the advisory boards of the Illinois Department of Public Aid on social services, public welfare, block grants, and allocation of funds for emergency food and shelter. At the Illinois Department of Human Services, he serves as a member of the Family Self Sufficiency Council, the Governor's Families and Children Leadership Sub-Cabinet, and the Lt. Governor's Ethnic Affairs Council.

Joel has published over 30 articles on various subjects in the field of social work, social planning, voluntarism, and refugee resettlement. His most recent work is a chapter entitled "The Jewish Social Welfare Lobby in the U.S." in a two-volume work on the Jewish Policy & Civil Society, published in 2002. He has served a number of universities as a field faculty member in their graduate social work education programs.

I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to stand with me today and take this occasion to recognize Joel Carp for his many achievements, wishing him well in retirement. As Joel truly sets an example to all citizens, we acknowledge and thank him for his role in making our community a better place to live.

IN HONOR OF BARBARA BOYD

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute and recognition of Barbara Boyd, dedi-

cated public servant, civic activist, community leader and devoted wife and mother, as she is being honored by the Community Living Hope United Methodist Church of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, for her unwavering focus, energy and work on behalf of improving the quality of life for all members of our community.

Ms. Boyd was born and raised in Cleveland, and graduated from Glenville High School. With a focus on higher education, Ms. Boyd graduated from St. Paul's College in Virginia, then moved back home to Cleveland where she worked as an educator in the Cleveland Public Schools. She began her tenure as a public servant in 1983, when she became the first African American elected to Cleveland Heights City Council. In 1992, Ms. Boyd was elected as the first African American Mayor in the history of Cleveland Heights.

Ms. Boyd's husband, Robert Boyd, and her daughter, Janine Boyd, continue to be the center of her life, with everything else radiating outward from there. With the great support of her family, she decided to continue her tenure of public service and run for state office. She was elected to the Ohio House of Representatives in 1993 and served until 2000 due to term limits. During her tenure in the House, Ms. Boyd focused her energy and expertise on committees that encompassed the support and empowerment of children, youth, families and the elderly. She was awarded the 2000 Legislator of the Year Award, for her work on alcohol and drug assistance and prevention; the Black Women's History Award in 1992, the Alzheimer's Award in 2000 and was named the "Official of the Year" by the Ohio Patrolmen Benevolent Association in 1989.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor of Barbara Boyd, as we join with the Community of Living Hope United Methodist Church in recognition of her professional excellence and devoted public service focused on uplifting our entire Cleveland community into the light of hope and possibility.

LAUREN WILLIAMSON WINS NINE TEXAS ASSOCIATED PRESS AWARDS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lauren Williamson, currently a senior at the University of North Texas for her nine broadcast awards from the Texas Associated Press.

A graduate of Marcus High School in 2003, Lauren Williamson is pursuing her journalism degree. During her time at UNT, Ms. Williamson worked as news director of KNTU-FM. The station competes for Division B of the Texas Associated Press Broadcasters which includes smaller radio markets throughout Texas. Ms. Williamson competed against other student and professional broadcasters.

Ms. Williamson won four, first place, three second place, and two honorable mention awards at this year's competition. The awards included her work on "Christmas in McKinney," "Fry Oil to Fuel," a report on the City of Denton's recycling program with Biodiesel Industries of Greater Dallas-Fort Worth, "Opening of Terminal D," a story about DFW Airport's newest international terminal and "Class

Meets Media," concerning how UNT master's of public administration students training at Denton City Hall. Now, Lauren works as a weekend overnight anchor for local powerhouse WBAP and will soon be a part time producer for the local FOX 4 News.

Today, I congratulate Ms. Lauren Williamson on her broadcasting awards and her dedication to the profession of journalism. May her intellect, reporting and producing skills continue to serve her community with accurate and informative news. I am honored to represent Ms. Williamson in Congress, and I look forward to hearing more of her accomplishments in the years to come.

CONDEMNING MURDER OF AMERICAN JOURNALIST PAUL KLEBNIKOV ON JULY 9, 2004, IN MOSCOW AND MURDERS OF OTHER MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA IN THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

SPEECH OF

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 16, 2006

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H. Res. 499, condemning the murder of American journalist Paul Klebnikov in Moscow and the murders of other members of the media in the Russian Federation.

Less than two weeks ago, on World Press Freedom Day, my colleague MIKE PENCE and I launched the new Congressional Caucus for Freedom of the Press. Representatives from a variety of non-governmental organizations came to extend their endorsement of this undertaking and several other Members of Congress spoke about the importance of press freedom for promoting democracy and human rights around the world.

The guests of honor, however—and the reason we were all there—were the journalists who came to share their stories of persecution and harassment. He Qinglian spent a year under 24-hour surveillance when the Chinese Propaganda Department accused her of 'inciting antagonism between the different strata of Chinese society' with her exposes of government corruption. After trying to investigate the presence of Taliban and Al-Qaeda elements in tribal areas in the autonomous zone between Pakistan and Afghanistan, Khawar Mehdi Rizvi was detained and tortured by Pakistani security forces for almost three months, before human rights groups and media organizations helped secure his escape to the United States.

We were also joined by Musa Klebnikov, the widow of American journalist, Paul Klebnikov, whose unresolved murder this resolution condemns. Mrs. Klebnikov told us that Paul believed that without freedom of the press there is no civil society, and can be no true democracy. He died for this ideal, becoming one of the fallen heroes of this ongoing worldwide struggle.

Paul committed himself to revealing the corrupt underside of Russia as well as celebrating its successes. His murder reveals both the importance of this type of work as well as the dangers facing journalists in the Russian Federation. Paul was the twelfth reporter to be killed in Russia since President Putin came to

power in 2000. Russia's press laws remain very far below European standards and in the nearly two years since Paul's murder, working conditions for journalists continued to worsen alarmingly.

Paul's murder stimulated the Russian government to dedicate real effort to prosecuting the hit men who shot him, and this resolution commends that effort. Unfortunately, two days after expressing her hope that this trial would set a standard for future cases of media persecution, the Russian court acquitted his killers. This resolution calls upon the Government of Russia to continue its inquiries into Paul's murder and to take appropriate action to protect the independence and freedom of journalists in the country.

Paul Klebnikov's murder exposed the problem of violence against journalists in Russia and increased the awareness of widespread threats to press freedom. The Congressional Caucus for Freedom of the Press was created to highlight and condemn media censorship and the persecution of journalists around the world. This Resolution is an important affirmation of these objectives, and I commend my colleague, Mr. MCCOTTER, for bringing it to the floor, and encourage broad support for its passage.

RECOGNIZING CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF AMERICAN BALLET THEATRE

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRISTOPHER SHAYS

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 16, 2006

Mr. SHAYS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 751, recognizing American Ballet Theatre as a cultural and educational resource for our Nation.

Over the last 65 years, American Ballet Theatre has elevated the artistry and talent of classical dance in the United States, and has brought a greater appreciation and understanding of the arts to countless people in all 50 States and around the world.

American Ballet Theatre has developed a special relationship with Connecticut through the award-winning Make a Ballet Program.

Since 2002, ABT has been offering this program at The Waterside School, an independent, private day school in Stamford, which introduces low-income children to ballet. ABT Teaching Artists come to the school twice a week and provide a thorough introduction to the arts and high-quality dance instruction. This long-term, in-depth exposure to the arts leaves indelible impacts on the students, instilling a sense of confidence and accomplishment, and planting seeds that will reap appreciation for the arts for years to come.

American Ballet Theatre also holds a Ballet for the Young Dancer program at the YWCA in Greenwich each year, providing children between the ages of 5 and 12 with weekly ballet classes with some of the finest dancers in the world.

While the grand performances that American Ballet Theatre presents have established it as one of the world's great ballet companies, it is the interactions with local communities across America that truly distinguish ABT as a national treasure.

I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

IN HONOR OF ARNOLD R. PINKNEY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute and recognition of Arnold R. Pinkney, dedicated family man, successful businessman, community activist, dedicated volunteer and friend and mentor to many, as he is being honored by the Community of Living Hope United Methodist Church of Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

Mr. Pinkney was born and raised in Youngstown and graduated from the Youngstown Public Schools. His quest for higher education led him to Michigan, where he graduated from Albion College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and History. His personal integrity, strong self-motivation and unwavering dedication has guided him his whole life. During college, he was elected to "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities," was President of the Independent Men's Union, and was a member of the Intercollegiate Athletic Association Team for Baseball and Basketball.

The focus on hard work and giving back to others continues to frame Mr. Pinkney's life. He is the Chairman of Pinkney-Perry Insurance Agency, a 41-year-old business located in Cleveland. He is also Senior Consultant and CEO of Betpin & Associates, a consulting firm established by his wife of 45 years, Betty Thompson Pinkney. His dedication to his wife and daughter, Traci Lynne Pinkney, extends outward into the community, where his spirit of volunteerism, leadership and energy continues to empower and support numerous local civic, educational, political and business agencies, including the Urban League, 100 Black Men, Inc., Cleveland Musical Arts Association, University Circle Incorporated, and the Race for Success, Inc.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join us in honor of Arnold R. Pinkney, as we join with the Community of Living Hope United Methodist Church in recognition of his dedicated service and contribution focused on family, faith and community. Mr. Pinkney's numerous contributions within the private and public sector continues to strengthen the well being of our entire Cleveland community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Mr. Speaker, due to official business, I missed rollcall vote 146 on Thursday, May 11, 2006. Had I been present I would have voted "aye." This was a vote on H. Res. 802, a resolution to encourage all eligible Medicare beneficiaries who have not yet elected to enroll in the new Medicare Part D benefit to review the available options and to determine whether enrollment in a Medicare prescription drug plan best meets their current